4th December 1954]

Offences under Prohibition Act.

* 37 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons convicted for the violation of the Prohibition Act are now in jail in the State;

(b) how many of these are men and how many women;

(c) of the women how many are married and how many have children; and

(d) how many of these prisoners are between the ages of 18 and 30?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) 4,351;

" (b) Men : 3,932.
Women : 419.

" (c) Married : 401.
Having children : 95.

" (d) Men : 1,573.
Women : 140."

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* 38 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prosecutions launched for Prohibition offences in the City of Madras in the year 1952;

(b) the number of prosecutions framed by the local Police and the Excise Department Police;

(c) the amount of fines collected; and

(d) the number of persons sent to jail and the cost of their maintenance?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Six thousand and four persons were prosecuted for Prohibition offences in the City of Madras (excluding Saidapet taluk).

" (b) Four thousand, nine hundred and thirty-eight cases were detected by the Prohibition staff and 1,066 cases by the Police staff;

" (c) Rs. 79,654.

" (d) Four thousand, seven hundred and fourty-five persons were sent to jail and Rs. 59,700 was spent on their maintenance."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, the facts given by the Hon. Minister are very revealing and also worth studying because the number of persons involved between the ages of 18 and 30 seems to be very large and also because of the fact that the number of married women is also fairly large. Do not all these make the